

**SHREWSBURY ELECTRIC  
&  
CABLE OPERATIONS**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 4, 2005  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** C. JEFFERSON, Jr., Chairman  
R. LUTZ  
A. TRIPPI  
P. LYONS-GALLO

**ABSENT:** S. DAVIS

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** T. JOSIE  
R. PINE  
R. IACCARINO  
J. TERRASI  
W. CULLEN  
M. QUITADAMO  
T. DESILETS  
J. PRATT (Part-time)  
K. BARNA “  
J. BOUDREAU “

**1. Planning Session**

SELCO hosted a comprehensive planning session discussion relating to electric and cable operations. Electric operations included the current state of the electric industry in Massachusetts and New England, electric power supply, rates, and energy conservation programs. Cable operations' discussion related to industry consolidation, potential competition, rates, and existing and new services.

**2. Minutes – Light Commission Meeting – February 7, 2005**

*A motion:*

*To approve the minutes of the February 7, 2005 Light Commission meeting was made by R. Lutz and seconded by A. Trippi.*

*Without further discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.*

**3. a.) January 2005 Cash Statements - Light**

M. Quitadamo presented and reviewed the Light Cash Statements for January 2005.

After a brief discussion,

*A motion:*

*To accept the Light Cash Statements for January 2005 was made by R. Lutz and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.*

*Without further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

**3. b.) January 2005 Cash Statements - CATV**

M. Quitadamo presented and reviewed the CATV Cash Statements for January 2005.

After a brief discussion,

*A motion:*

*To accept the CATV Cash Statements for January 2005 was made by R. Lutz and seconded by C. Jefferson, Jr.*

*Without further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

#### **4. NESN Signal Cost Rebate**

T. Josie explained that due to the National Hockey League's labor dispute that forced the cancellation of approximately 60% of the games and according to SELCO's contract with NESN, a \$18,000 credit is due to SELCO. However, the contract stipulates that the rebate is to be passed on to the subscribers.

He offered two "logical" options relating to the credit,

1. Put NESN ads on the system and take the signal cost credit as ad sales revenue
2. Give a rebate to the customer of approximately \$1.66 per Expanded Basic subscriber.

Another option would be,

3. Inform the customer that SELCO received a credit from NESN then give them a negative option (unless told otherwise.) SELCO could then take the \$18,000 credit and give it to community based programs, for example,
  - a. Senior Center Programs (\$6,000)
  - b. Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services
  - c. Share the Warmth Program

After further discussion, the Light Commission supported option 3 and agreed to leave the specifics to the General Manager and his staff.

#### **5. Tree Planting Program**

J. Pratt presented an overview of the tree planting program that she developed in conjunction with National Arbor Day, April 29, 2005. The 2005 Light Budget includes \$10,000 for a tree planting program in Shrewsbury.

After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed that J. Pratt did an excellent job preparing the tree planting project and also commended her for the excellent job done on the Town's web site.

#### **6. VOIP Conference**

T. Josie commented that the report speaks for itself.

## **7. 2004 Annual Town Report**

T. Josie presented SELCO's draft contribution to the Town of Shrewsbury's 2004 Annual Report for the Light Commission's review.

After further editing and discussion, the Commission accepted the report as presented.

## **8. Route 9 Lakeway District Project**

T. Josie presented a brief description of a two-phased project regarding the Town of Shrewsbury's plan to improve the section of Route 9 that travels through Shrewsbury – "Route 9 Lakeway District Project." SELCO has been asked to contribute money for the project's street lights. There is \$150,000 in this year's budget for the project, however, the Town has asked SELCO for a total contribution of 378,000.

The General Manager recommended the Light Commission support the project and agree to the additional contribution of \$228,000.

*A motion to,*

*Furnish and install the proposed street lighting for the Route 9 Lakeway District project was made by C. Jefferson, Jr. and seconded by A. Trippi.*

*After a brief discussion,*

*The motion was approved unanimously.*

## **9. Operating Brief**

- R. Iaccarino presented a report he created comparing SELCO's reliability statistics with Mass Electric and Unitil. SELCO's statistics include all outages occurring throughout the year while Mass Electric and Unitil are not required to report all outages, i.e. outages resulting from a snowstorm.

According to the report, SELCO's reliability is clearly far superior to that of both Mass Electric and Unitil.

Based on historical data, SELCO's customers can expect an average of one outage per year lasting 50 minutes well below the averages of both Mass Electric and Unitil.

- The Light Commission reviewed and accepted the Operating Brief as presented.

The next Light Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:00PM.

*A motion:*

*To adjourn the Light Commission meeting was made by C. Jefferson, Jr. and seconded by A. Trippi.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony M. Trippi, Clerk  
Shrewsbury's Light Commission